

The Manna Effect

I can't imagine how small faith is that is smaller than a mustard seed, but I think mine must be, and honestly, I'm not sure I have even met many people with mustard seed faith which is the kind of faith that can move mountains. There is a principle in the scriptures that I call the Manna Effect. It is that kind of faith that allows us to accept graciously what we need for the living of our lives for each day. You remember the food from Heaven, the Manna, which was provided by God to the Children of Israel when they were on their journey to the promised land. It was wonderfully and plentifully provided for the needs of the day, but if they tried to stockpile, it spoiled.

There is a Biblical principle there that few of us have learned. This principle makes us know in simple faith that God will supply our every need for today. Tomorrow's needs are tomorrow's needs and we can address that tomorrow. I think that applies to food for our bodies, food for our spirits, and every need conceivable to human kind. If only I could have the kind of faith that would allow me to truly believe what God has promised. In Jesus' sermon on the mount, He told of the lilies of the field and the birds of the air and how God knew their needs and provided for their needs without any cause for worry. He also must have been thinking of the Manna effect when he said, "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

If God is who He says He is, and if I trust him as I say I do, then there really is no problem too big, no obstacle too high, no question too complicated for Him. If God is who He says He is, and I faithfully trust God, then I am free from worry because He has promised to meet my needs today. God will take care of tomorrow without my worrying about it. Otherwise, what is spoiled is my own sense of peace and trust.